in Delhi face this problem, not to speak of the people living in Delhi. This is a very serious problem which calls for drastic action and treatment.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, I am quite willing to take drastic action. But we must recognise that if we take drastic action, a large number of buses may be off the road.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): No. It is not a fact.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Since the Minister of Surface Transport is so confident that the DTC buses are not making any emission, the hon. Member can direct this question to my colleague next time.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Give me the number... *(Interruptions)* ...

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Madam, the question relates to the existing industrial units and the pollution problem. The answer given by the Minister is a kind of a postmortem. I wish to ask the hon. Minister (a) whether before setting up new industries the Government ensures that pollution control equipment is also provided in the new proposals to prevent pollution. (b) Whether the pollution control equipment is imported; and, if so, how much foreign exchange was involved in 1991-92.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, before new units are given permission to operate, they are required to obetain consent from the State Pollution Control Boards. We are considering issuing a notification under the exising legislation for codifying this in a better way so that certain units will be required to take prior consent in which will be contained the conditions of effluent treatment and emission control before the units are set up. This is under the consideration of the Government. But, presently, all these units are required to take approval from the State Pollution Control Boards before they are set up.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Ports in Andhra Pradesh

*503. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor ports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the total volume of exports and imports through these ports; and

(c) what are the corresponding figures in respect of the Visakhapatnam port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are nine minor ports in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The total volume of exports and imports relating to the intermediate/minor ports in Andhra Pradesh for the last 3 years is as follows:—

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

1989-90			1990-91			1991-92 (Provisional)		
Imp.	Exp.	Total	Imp.	Exp.	Total	Imp.	Exp.	Total
642	732	1374	504	620	1124	402	778	11,80,000

(c) The volume of exports from Visakhapatnam Port for the last 3 years is as under:—

1989-90	77,45,000 tonnes
1990-91	58,95,000 tonnes
1991-92	62,34,000 tonnes